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In re Application of: Pines et al.

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AMENDMENT,  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
&  
EXPRESS ELECTION AND TRAVERSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 13, 2001 and setting a one-month statutory period for response, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement of restriction for the reasons set forth below. A petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fees are filed concurrently herewith, making the deadline for response Wednesday, February 13, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-18 and 21 under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121(a)(2)(ii), so that they appear as follows:

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1. (amended) A method for regulation of the extracellular matrix economy, comprising the step of administering to a subject in need thereof a pharmaceutically effective amount of an effector in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein regulation of the